

**CRYSTAL RIVER SITE**

2.5 miles west of Crystal River

This large and complex ceremonial center and burial site was occupied from ca. 200 B.C. to A.D. 1400. The site has played a significant role in the development of archeological method and theory by helping explain relationships between early mound-building groups on Florida's Gulf Coast and the Hopewellian cultures in the Ohio River Valley. Stelae (ceremonial stones) indicate contact with cultures in the Yucatan. The complex is maintained and interpreted as a state archeological site.